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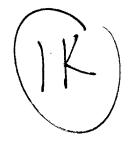
A. I RECALL THE 1983 OLANCHO OPERATION. IT WAS IN RESPONSE TO THE INSERTION OF AN INSURGENT COLUMN INTO HONDURAS FROM NICARAGUA SPONSORED BY THE SANDINISTA GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA AND THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT. THE COLUMN WAS INTENDED TO BE THE BEGINNING OF WIDESPREAD INSURGENT ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT CENTRAL HONDURAS. THE HONDURAN ARMED FORCES MOUNTED AN INTENSIVE COUNTER INSURGENCY OPERATION WHICH CAPTURED OR KILLED MOST OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COLUMN. I DO NOT KNOW HOW REYES MATTA DIED. I REMEMBER THAT THERE WAS MUCH SPECULATION ABOUT THE POSSIBLE PRESENCE OF A FOREIGN PRIEST WITH REYES' GROUP WHEN IT ENTERED HONDURAS. I BELIEVE THAT FATHER CARNEY'S FAMILY CAME FORWARD AND IDENTIFIED HIM AS PADRE GUADALUPE AND STATED THAT HE WAS A PART OF REYES' COLUMN. THE FAMILY ASKED

MORE ACCURATE THAN ANY PARTIAL RECOLLECTION I CAN PROVIDE NOW.

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